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369. Provision of irrigation tanks and feeding channels for Shencottah.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer (*Shencottah*) represented that cultivation in the taluk suffered much for want of proper irrigation tanks and feeding channels. He requested that, wherever necessary, tanks and channels might be opened at Government cost, so that the water now overflowing in rivers might be diverted for agricultural purposes.

Reply.—This representation has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 130.

370. Construction of good roads and bridges in Shencottah.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer requested that good roads might be opened and bridges constructed wherever necessary, and cited as specific instances of desiderata the Samburvadagara bridge, the Ayikudi-Klangad bridge, the Klangad-Marthandapuram bridge, and the Puliyara-Puthur road.

Reply.—It is understood that there will be a large flow of water in the Shencottah rivers only for a very few days in the year. The construction of bridges across them does not therefore appear to be necessary. As regards roads, there were several representations made to me when I visited the taluk recently and these have been referred to the Chief Engineer. The matter will be taken up as part of the general scheme.

371. Abolition of paddy tax on Ayan Japti lands.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer said that the apportionment of paddy tax on Ayan Japti lands in the recent settlement weighed heavily upon the ryots and requested that it might be abolished.

Reply.—The matter has been disposed of in reference to the old order of 1051 and cannot be reopened.

372. Making the land and grain measures in Shencottah uniform with those in other parts of the State.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested the desirability of modifying the present rate of commutation of kottah into parah so

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